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OPC appeals to 18 nations for release of 83 journalists

The OPC has appealed to the heads of state of 18 countries for the release of 83 journalists held hostage or in jail.

The OPC said jailings and hostage takings were "violations of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the freedom of the press."

In separate cables, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee called on the heads of state to "move quickly to free these journalists."

Norman A. Schorr and Cheryl McCall, co-chairmen of the Freedom of the Press Committee and members of the OPC board of governors, also asked the heads of state assure the journalists receive "humane treatment and prompt, fair trials, the right to see their families, and the right to consult with legal counsel."

Of the journalists jailed, 27 are in Vietnam, 10 in the Soviet Union, nine in the People's Republic of China, eight in Turkey and six in Taiwan. Six are held hostage in Lebanon.

"The assault on the truth continues around the world," Schorr and McCall said. "Professionals who report the news fairly and responsibly are too often harassed, victimized and even tortured."

Two of the journalists have been imprisoned in the People's Republic of China for more than 20 years. In Vietnam, many of those held have never been charged or tried since jailed in 1975-76. The crimes against a free press range from detention and harassment to murder, specifically the recent murder of Alec Collett, who had been held hostage in Lebanon.

"Many of the reporters, editors, photographers and broadcasters were arrested for writing or filming reports that the authorities regarded as critical or revealing or just plain truthful," Schorr and McCall said.

Of 90 journalists whose detention the OPC protested in 1985, 50 are no longer in prison, they said.

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From Our President

Kupferberg, in first column, unveils plans for expanded programs, membership

By HERB KUPFERBERG

The Overseas Press Club has more than 1,200 members in various news and news-related media in the United States and abroad, and I consider it both an honor and a responsibility to have been elected as its president. I intend to use this space in the Bulletin to report to the membership, on a more or less regular basis, on our programs, plans and problems as I see them developing.



Herb Kupferberg

OPC exhibits Jon Fisher photos

The photos of Jon Fisher, called environmental portraits, are on exhibit in the club lounge through June.

Fisher, who specializes in editorial and advertising photography, says that in the photos on display, he sought "to capture that point where person and place strike a perfect balance in both form and content."

The photos were made on assignment in Portugal, France and Morocco.

Fisher, 29, is a Philadelphia College of Art photography graduate who apprenticed under Arnold Newman and now has an impressive list of corporate accounts.

First of all, I'd like to say that I don't regard this as a one-person job. We have an excellent set of officers, a strong Board of Governors (you will find their names elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin) and, in Mary Novick, a dependable and dedicated manager. But even beyond that, I would like to think we have a membership that wants to contribute to the Club by becoming involved individually, so that we can strengthen its professional fellowship and advance its journalistic standing.

Praises Anita, Henry

I'm glad to announce that our two immediate past presidents, Anita Diamant and Henry Gellermann, have told me they will remain very much active participants in the affairs of the Club. Anita, who has been a fine president for the last four years, has been of tremendous help in making a smooth transition between administrations. Henry, who as chairman of the Nominating Committee, spent a week convincing me it was possible to be happy and OPC president at the same time, has been similarly supportive. I look forward to working with them, with the new officers and board, with the committees, with all members who wish to participate.

I am coming into this job with no novel ideas or brilliant departures in mind. I think most of you know what our problems are--some are endemic to all clubs headquartered in Manhattan today, a few are peculiarly our own. As long as we have members who are interested and involved, I believe we can meet our challenges and expand our usefulness.

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OPC Appeals

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Following are the countries to which the OPC protested and the journalists held in those countries: **Cuba:** Fernando Rivas Porta, Luis Rodriguez Rodriguez; **Czechoslovakia:** Frantisek Starek; **Ethiopia:** Martha Kumsa; **Israel:** Mohammed Amireh; **Kenya:** Otieno Mak'Onyango; **Lebanon:** Terry A. Anderson, Jean Paul Kauffman, Aurel Corea, Georges Hansen, Jean-Louis Normandin, Philippe Rochot; **Libya:** Ahmed Muhammad al Fitouri, Kahlifa Sifaw Khaboush, Ali Muhammad hadidan al-Rheibi, Idris Muhammad Ibn Tayeb; **Malawi:** Baul Akomenji, Jonathan Kuntambila, Sandy Kuwale; **Morocco:** Abd As-Salim Yassin; **People's Republic of China:** Dai Zhen, Fu Sheng, He Qiu, Li Guangyi, Liu Qing, Wang Xizhe, Wei Jingsheng, Xu Wenli, Zhu Jianbin; **Poland:** Czeslaw Bielecki, Bogdan Bujak, Marian Terlecki; **Singapore:** Chi Thye Poh; **Soviet Union:** Boris Chernykh, Sergei Grigoryants, Gintautas Lesmantas, Stephan Khmara, Zoya A. Krakhmalnikova, Fladas Lapienis, Valery Timofeyevich Repin, Vitaly Schevchenko, Yuri Shikhanovich, Alexei Smirnov, Lev Timofeyev; **Syria:** Marwan Hamawi; **Taiwan:** Chang Hua-min, Huang Hua, Chang Chun-hung, Huang Hsin-chieh, Shih Ming-teh, Yao Chiamen; **Turkey:** Metin Culhaoglu, Feyzullah Ozar, Ozcan Ozgur, Emine Senliklioglu, Veli Yilmaz; **Vietnam:** Phan Van Lam Binh, Vu Quoc Chau, Nguyen Hai Chi, Duong Hung Cuong, Ho Van Dong, Nguyen Khanh Giu, Tran Duy Hinh, Nguyen Hoat, Ngueyen Van Khnh, Nguyen Viet Khanh, Le Khiem, Mai Duc Khoi, Phan Nhat Nam, Nguyen Huu Nhat, Pham Van Tam, Nguyen Sy Te, Trinh Viet Thanh, Nguyen Chi Thien, Hoang Hai Thuy, Pham Thai Thuy, Le Van Tien, Khuat Duy Trac, Truong Vi Tri, Ngo Quang Tru, Nguyen Kim Tuan, Tran Duc Uyen, Le Ha Vinh.

Managing Editor **Don Amerman** of the *Journal of Commerce* has cited the newspaper's Tokyo reporter, **Al Cullison**, and its Hong Kong writer, **Phil Bangsberg**, for excellent coverage in 1985. "In its ratings of journalists, MediaGuide gave both Phil Bangsberg and Al Cullison three-star or excellent ratings," Amerman said.—Al Kaff

OPC'er **R. Edward Jackson**, deputy chief of correspondents of *Time* and its former international editor, has been named editor of *World Press Review*, monthly foreign press digest in New York. He succeeds OPC'er **Alfred Balk**, founding editor, who has resigned that post to write a book but will become the Review's consulting editor.

Gemayel Agrees

This letter from the Embassy of Lebanon in Washington was received by the Freedom of the Press Committee:

May 30, 1986

Mrs. McCall and Mr. Shorr
Co-Chairpersons
Freedom of the Press Committee
Overseas Press Club of America
52 East 41 Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mrs. McCall and Mr. Schorr,

His Excellency Sheikh Amine Gemayel, President of the Republic of Lebanon, has received the telex in which you express your concern about the journalists kidnapped in Lebanon.

I am privileged to inform you that the President shares your opinion and condemns all acts which violate either the freedom of the Press or the human rights of people.

Moreover, the President has instructed all competent Lebanese authorities to spare no effort and explore every avenue that could lead to the release of the hostages detained in Lebanon.

Lebanon and her people have been struggling for more than a decade to remain free and to prevent the foreign forces from taking the whole country as a hostage. Our drive will continue, hopefully with the support of peace-loving people, to recuperate our sovereignty, independence and most of all our freedom.

Sincerely,

Abdallah Bouhabib
Ambassador

Peoplers

Charles Allen Petersen organizer of SHAEF Veterans Association, reports only 375 of estimated 5,000 have so far been located for SHAEF vets' first national reunion Sept. 12-14 in St. Louis. How time flies. For those who may not know, Petersen takes trouble to explain SHAEF was WWII Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters. SHAEF vets get in contact: SHAEF Veterans Assn., P.O. Box 42, Fair Haven NJ 07701. Phone: (201) 842-4206.

Cheers to OPC's **Charles Rotkin** on his *Rotkin Review*, now expanded under "Take Two" heading to include reviews beyond books on photography to include books on film, TV and graphic arts direction and production.

Obits

Dr. Marguerite Cartwright

Dr. Marguerite Cartwright, longtime OPC member, died May 5 after a brief illness.

She championed the cause of African independence, travelling widely in Africa and to Third World nations elsewhere to report on these countries.

Dr. Cartwright, a friend of heads of state in these countries, also reported their cause in the United Nations. She was a charter member of the U.N. Correspondents Assn.

She wrote for the Pittsburgh Courier, the Chicago Sun Times, the Amsterdam News and the Negro History Bulletin.

Journalism was her third career. She was first an actress, appearing on Broadway in "Roll Sweet Chariot" and in six Hollywood films including "Green Pastures." She later taught sociology at Hunter College, Brooklyn College, Mills College of Education and the New School of Social Research.

Howard W. Allen

Howard W. (Wad) Allen, retired Johns-Manville vice president for public relations and OPC member, died April 8. He was 83.

Farnsworth Fowle notes Wad might have achieved fame as a jazz musician, had he not chosen corporate public relations instead.

"At Indiana University," Fowle writes, "he was a jazz performer with Hoagy Carmichael and they remained lifelong friends."

Wilfredo (Willie) Vicoy, chief photographer for *Reuters* in the Philippines; *Manila Bulletin* reporter **Pete Mabasa** and eight Filipino soldiers were killed in an ambush by members of the Communist New Peoples Army 220 miles north of Manila April 24. They were the first journalists to die in the 17-year Philippine insurgency, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Vicoy, 45 and the father of six children, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his work as a UPI combat photographer in Vietnam. One Vicoy photograph was published on the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines the same week. Vicoy joined UPI in Manila as a messenger in 1957 and transferred to Reuters when the British agency took over UPI's international picture operations. Philippine Cardinal Sin presided at Vicoy's funeral.—Al Kaff

Ex-OPC Vice President **Larry Stessin** reports from "semi-retirement" in Miami his column in *Miami Review* is being syndicated by Arkin.

OPC's newly elected officers, governors

The following OPC officers and governors have been elected:

President:

Herbert Kupferberg

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Albert Kaff

Dwight Sargent

James Gaines

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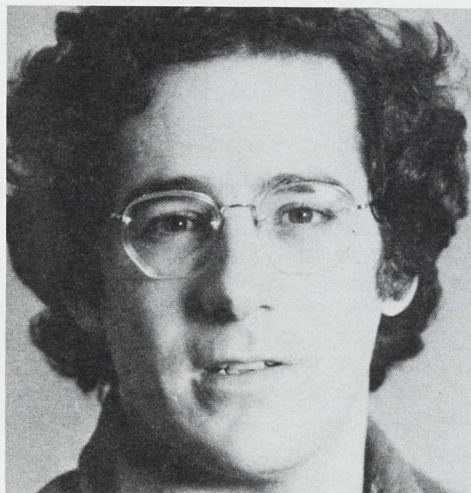
John Corporon

Harold M. Schmeck

Associate Governors:

Roy Duffus

Grace Shaw



Robert J. Rosenthal

Robert J. Rosenthal, Nairobi-based correspondent for *Philadelphia Inquirer* is winner of Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award for Foreign Correspondence for series on racial conflict in South Africa.

OPC'er **George Louis Hern, Jr.**, PR-advertising director, French Government Tourist Office for North America, is awarded Croix de Chevalier, Ordre National due Merite for distinguished public service to France in post he has held since '71.

Kupferberg

"We can meet our challenges and expand our usefulness"

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Plans More Events

Right now there are two areas in which I would like to move ahead quickly—programs and membership. I believe we need more activities for the benefit of our members and guests, not to produce added income (although that would be nice), but because the Club, in my opinion should become much more of a center for membership participation and stimulation. Last year we took a small step in this direction when Hester Hensell organized a monthly series of luncheons at which the speakers were mainly veteran OPC members. I would like to thank Hester for her valued contribution.

I think the time has now come to revise the administration and scope of these luncheons to include greater participation by outside speakers. We also have plans underway for two or more Book Nights in the fall; Al Kaff is working on a large-scale Vietnam reunion; several other projects are in the works.

Membership Drive

We need more members, both abroad and at home. I value our overseas members highly, hope they enjoy the Bulletin, and would like to see them enroll their friends and colleagues. We have a particular need for new members at home, both Active and Associate Resident. Not only professionally, but socially and fiscally, they are our lifeblood. Eventually, we may have to undertake an organized, systematic (meaning expensive) membership campaign. But I don't think we should wait. I have asked Larry Smith to head up a new membership committee with the aim of enrolling members right now. I appreciate the efforts of Bryce Miller during the last year and I'm glad to say he has agreed to give Larry all the help he can in the future.

All Can Help

Membership, in fact, is one area in which we all can help. People join clubs not in groups but as individuals, and there's nothing like a one-on-one relationship in convincing them to sign up. We plan to make membership applications more readily available at our meetings and functions in the future; you can also get them from Mary Novick in our office on the eighth floor.

Sometimes I hear veteran members of the Club (of which I am one) talk nostalgically of the good old days in this building or that. As I remember it, we had plenty of problems then, too. And to be frank, I think our potential and opportunities today are even greater than in the past.

A Great Future

Being a "foreign correspondent" used to be a pretty glamorous trade, but it was confined to a relative handful. Today, when TV channels, radio stations, newspapers and magazines, both large and small, are filled with news ranging from the latest terrorist attack to the Chernobyl disaster, almost everybody in journalism is deeply involved in what we used to call "foreign" news. I believe that the Overseas Press Club has a great future, and I ask you to join me in building it.

Past OPC President **Barrett McGurn** reports *New York Herald Tribune's* Washington reunion was hosted by **Fred Farris**, *International Herald Tribune's* U.S. representative, who discussed his paper's new satellite edition published in Miami. Those attending included **Joe Alsop**, **Douglas Kiker**, **Joseph Newman**, **Nicholas King**, **B.J. Cutler**, **Bob Donovan**, **Carl Levin**, **David Wise**, **Buddy Weiss**, **Rowland Evans**, **Nat Kingsley**. McGurn is now Washington representative of Catholic Intellectual Movement; Unda, the national association of Catholic broadcasters, as well as communications director of Washington Archdiocese.

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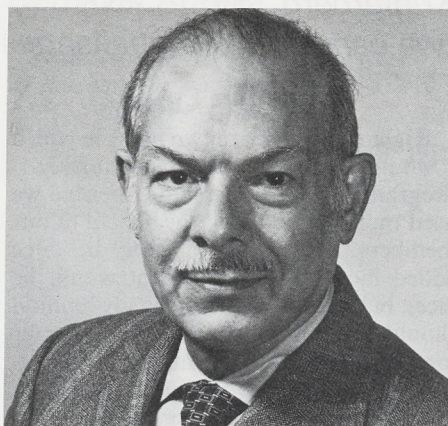
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Bernard S. Redmont

Bernard S. Redmont, among the greats of foreign broadcast correspondents, now dean, Boston University College of Communications, is one of three presented Columbia University's '86 Journalism Alumni Awards. How well we know his voice, for *CBS News* from Paris, '79-'81, and *Group W-Westinghouse*, for 15 years before '76 when he went to Moscow for CBS. Important that first he was a print man, from Buenos Aires and Paris for *U.S. News & World Report*.

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Dateline '86 on *Terrorism and the Media* has been mailed to all members in good standing who did not receive it at the Annual OPC Awards Dinner. Please do let us know in the event you have not received it. It is said the mails have, on occasion, gone astray.

Correction

It's Fay Gillis Wells, not Faye. Sorry Fay. And it's Blythe Foote Finke, not Fink. We apologize.

Uncle Sam may not, but OPC Bulletin needs YOU!

Note the corrections above. We might have had time to do a bit more proof reading if we'd had some more help putting *The Bulletin* together. And this edition might have been out on time instead of getting to you late. If you can pitch in with an hour or two of editing time, please let us know. But we've had some great contributions lately and that does help a lot. Do keep your news coming. We will try to get your name right.

OPC'er **Joan F. Lane** wins Award of Merit from South Florida chapter, International Assn. of Business Communicators for City of Miami Economic Development Department story on increasing Asian presence in Miami.

OPC's **Blythe Foote Finke** note-ifies OPC President **Anita Diamant**, praising her for great job both in "stellar literary agency career" and for "flawless performance" at OPC helm.